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## ***Media Advisory***

***Contract Voted by San Antonio Police Members***

The 2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Police Officers' Association was voted on by police association members and accepted.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus states: "I'm relieved that the labor contract has been settled after long hours of tedious negotiations. The new Commander position has drawn a lot of attention. Because of the greater level of responsibility associated with running a substation... 24/7 operation, community component, large number of officers and Detectives assigned, a greater level of authority should be attached to a substation 'commander.' Having 24/7 responsibility with officers working on all shifts, substation commanders should not be restricted to specific hours as was stipulated by the previous contract. Commander's hours will not be defined by contract. The Commander rank inserts the appropriate level of authority and leadership where it needs to be. The domino effect of appointing Commanders places seven Captains as night supervisors seven nights a week including weekends and holidays, again, inserting leadership when and where it is needed."

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